

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SJR 10

April 12, 2021

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Proposes amending Article III, Section 12 and Article II, Section 26 of the Constitution of Tennessee to provide for the exercise of gubernatorial powers and duties when the Governor is unable.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Expenditures – Up to \$10,000/FY22-23\*

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006406):** Deletes and replaces language within the first resolving clause without making any substantive changes to the resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee, following passage by two successive General Assemblies, the proposed amendatory language is submitted to the people for a vote at the next general election in which a Governor is to be chosen.
- The proposed constitutional amendment language received its first General Assembly passage with Senate Joint Resolution 154 on May 2, 2019.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-5-211(b), at least five days before the beginning of early voting, the county election commission shall either publish a sample ballot in a newspaper of general circulation or mail the sample ballot to every active registered voter.
- The requirement to add this constitutional amendment to the 2022 general election ballot will increase the size of the sample ballot to be published and subsequently increase printing costs.
- Based on information provided by the Secretary of State, the total statewide mandatory increase in local government expenditures is reasonably estimated as an amount up to \$10,000 occurring in FY22-23.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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